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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed February 22, 2002. We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following U.S. patent Nos. 3042040, 3220413, 4048998 and 4411647.

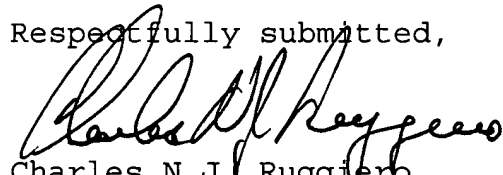
It is the applicants' belief that none of the citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of this application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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